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Leonard Wood Ave., S of the parade grounds. Limestone and brick, 39'-3" x 39'-6", 167' high (eight stories), setback octagonal top story, octagonal roof, sally port at ground level with groined brick vaulting and carved stone ribbing with a foliated motif, limestone base and corner turrets, brick walls pierced by vertical bands of recessed windows

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Richardsonian Romanesque features; originally planned as eight levels, fourth level has no floor, third, fifth, and sixth floors have barrel vaulted brick ceilings reinforced with steel beams, 90,000 gal. water tank is contained on the sixth level, circular steel stairway is contained within the SE turret; central element of a complex formed by two long barracks which flank the Tower on the N and the S. Built 1889-91, Holabird and Roche, Chicago, architects; uppermost section and roof replaced in 1940, structure shortened 61'; water tank still provides

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water to part of post. Focal point and recognized historic landmark for surrounding region; type of construction is of technological interest. 9 ext. photos (1979), 10 int. photos (1979), 1 photocopy of ca. 1897 ext. view; 9 data pages (1979). Also see Fort Sheridan Historic District (HABS No. IL-1113) 2 general views (1979), 2 photocopies of ca. 1897 general views; data pages (1979). OAHP Inventory.

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